



2700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KONDO, Kazuaki, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **Unassigned**

Serial No.: **10/711,976**

Examiner: **Unassigned**

Filed: **October 18, 2004**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 5975

For: **VEHICLE-MOUNTED METER SYSTEM**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 19, 2004

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage of the above-captioned application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/711,976  
Information Disclosure Statement

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS,  
HANSON & BROOKS, LLP



William L. Brooks

Attorney for Applicant

Reg. No. 34,129

WLB/mla

Atty. Docket No. **040539**

Suite 1000

1725 K Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20006

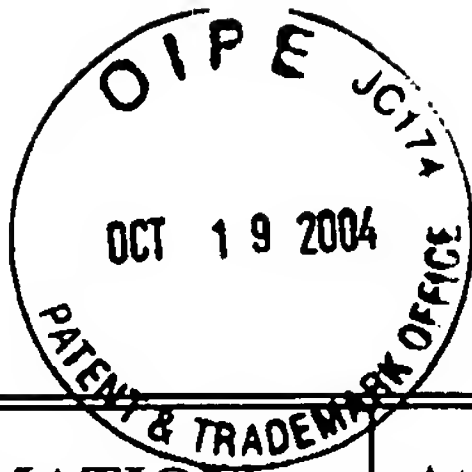
(202) 659-2930



**23850**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Enclosures: PTO-1449 and references (4)



|   |   |                                   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>INFORMATION<br/>DISCLOSURE<br/>CITATION<br/>PTO-1449</b> | Atty. Docket No. <b>040539</b>              | Serial No. <b>10/711,976</b>      |
|   | Applicant(s): <b>KONDO, Kazuaki, et al.</b> |                                   |
|   | Filing Date: <b>October 18, 2004</b>        | Group Art Unit: <b>Unassigned</b> |

### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner<br>Initial |    | Document No. | Name | Date | Class | Subclass | Filing Date<br>(If appropriate) |
|---------------------|----|--------------|------|------|-------|----------|---------------------------------|
| _____               | AA |              |      |      |       |          |                                 |
| _____               | AB |              |      |      |       |          |                                 |
| _____               | AC |              |      |      |       |          |                                 |
| _____               | AD |              |      |      |       |          |                                 |
| _____               | AE |              |      |      |       |          |                                 |

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

|       |    | Document No. | Date       | Country | Translation<br>(Yes or No)                      |
|-------|----|--------------|------------|---------|---|
| _____ | AF | 2001-356031  | 12/26/2001 | Japan   | Abstract  |
| _____ | AG | 2003-335193  | 11/25/2003 | Japan   | Abstract  |
| _____ | AH | 2003-194595  | 07/09/2003 | Japan   | Abstract  |
| _____ | AI | 5-53367      | 08/09/1993 | Japan   | Abstract of<br>corresponding JP<br>Pub 64-69914 |
| _____ | AJ |              |            |         |   |

### OTHER DOCUMENTS

|          |    |                 |  |
|----------|----|-----------------|--|
| _____    | AK |                 |  |
| _____    | AL |                 |  |
| Examiner |    | Date Considered |  |